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Applicants: R.T. CHERN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/271,098

Case No.: 20023Y

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For: LIQUID POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS FOR
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF BIOACTIVE
SUBSTANCES

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Sharareh, S.

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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR FOUR-MONTH TIME EXTENSION
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a four-month extension to December 19, 2001 of the deadline to file an Appeal Brief to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2000, for the above-identified application. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4) should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants respectfully file a Continuing Prosecution Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks.